July 1980 Target Date

Police Chief Selection Goals Set

The Police Chief Selection Committee snapped into action last week after Chief Feola's plans to retire were determined. Their proposed plan for the next 17 months was approved by Selectmen.

The Committee informed Selectmen that Feola's planned retirement date of July 28, 1980, the day he will become 65 years old, is their "target date" for the completion of the police chief selection process. This process includes both the Committee's work in providing the Board of Selectmen with the names of three candidates for the post, and the Selectmen's final selection of a new chief.

The plan formulated by the Selection Committee was submitted by Chairman John Benboy for the Selectmen's perusal; it outlines the Committee's procedures in the search for candidates:

The Committee's first step was to meet with Selectmen, Chief Feola, and Town Counsel Blake Thaxter, as well as consulting a wide range of sources to better understand the role of chief of police.

A government document, 'Police Chief Executive,' has been the most instructive source in aiding the Committee's understanding of their task and establishing their procedures. A copy of the document is available at the public library for community reference.

Whether the new police chief should come from within or outside the Police Department is an open issue with the Committee.

The Committee is currently seeking the opinions and insights of the townspeople, the Police Department, other town departments and elected officials concerning the job of police chief. The Committee isn't concerned with an assessment of the management of the Department under the current chief, but rather invites the community to express its aspirations and expectations for a future chief.

Following Town Meeting. the Committee will initiate a series of open meetings to provide a forum for public discussion.

The Committee intends to maintain frequent communication with Selectmen in order to provide them with information they will need in selecting a new chief.

Committee members Rev. John Benbow, Chairman, John Keefe, Margaret Lynch, Richard Silvia, and John Thompson, offer the following tentative schedule, barring unforseen change in Feola's retirement date:

-Oct., 1978 - March 1979: Preliminary study.

-April, 1979 - June 1979: Solicitation of community input through interviews, open meetings and letters.

-Sept., 1979 - March 1980: Formal selection procedure: interviews with applicants.

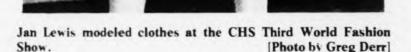
-Early spring, 1980: Submission of the names of three qualified candidates, of whom the Selectmen will choose one to serve as Chief of Police when the position becomes open in July 1980.

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Special Education in Cohasset, whose leadership and efforts to involve and support parents of special needs children, the review team stated, has insured their investment in their child's progress in the Cohasset Public Schools.

Superintendent John Maloney praised Hart and the School Committee for their contribution to the department's success. "We are doing what we should be doing for the town as well as what is outlined to us by statute," he said. "The whole school system comes out with a bouquet of roses."



Chairman Golden Steps Down After Six Year Stay

Doris Golden, Chairman of the School Committee, announced at Monday night's meeting that she would not be seeking reelection to the board.

"It took six long hard years to realize that we all want the same common denominator," she said, "a good education for our children." Mrs. Golden has served the committee for two terms and was elected chairman for five of those years.

"This is not a happy occassion," Mrs. Golden said as she noted the many memories she will bring away with her retirement. She extended her appreciation to Supt. John Maloney and the school administration and her hope that future members will enjoy their work.

Supt. Maloney commended Mrs. Golden on her courtesy, objectivity and sincerity and expressed regret and sadness at losing such an experienced member.

Sixty-Plus Club Meets March 15

The Sixty-Plus Club of Cohasset will hold its monthly meeting March 15.

There will be a coffee hour at noon and a business meeting at 1 p.m., followed by an afternoon of games.

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the necessary managerial, administrative and leadership background to perform effectively all of the duties and responsibilities of a Selectman.

Being semi-retired, he has ample time as well as the desire to work diligently for the Town.

As Director of Civil Defense and Emergency Preparedness and Director of the Auxiliary Police Unit, Hiltz has demonstrated by his actions, particularly during the Blizzard of 1978, that he is a capable and responsible individual. Over the years in the above capacity, he has become thoroughly familar with the operations of all Town Departments; and he believes that in the interest of good town management, the need exists for a closing working relationship between the Selectmen and the Department Heads at the department level.

Through his experience in the uilding trades and knowledge of the topography of the town, Hiltz has the capability to make

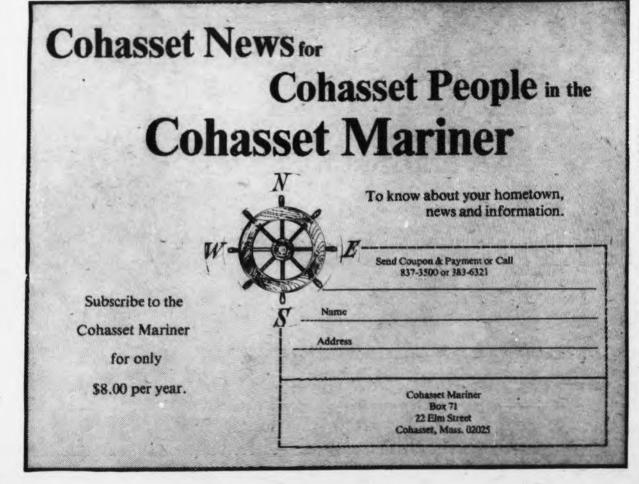
prudent decisions on matters relative to the building codes, health rules and regulations and zoning laws including the controversial proposals garding the Sewerage Treatment Plant and Town Hall.

As a civic minded and involved citizen, he realizes the importance of appointing competent people with the Town's best interest truly in mind as members of the various boards and committees.

By his nature alone, Hiltz has willingly and unselfishly helped his fellow neighbors, young and old, and sincerely welcomes the opportunity to assist his townspeople as a Selectman.

Hiltz, his wife Barbara (Dion) and their daughters, Donna and Darlene, all attended Cohasset schools. In addition, Hiltz attended the University of Maryland and University of the Philippines.

He is a member of the American Legion, George H. Mealy Post 118 and Veterans of Foreign Wars, Satuit Post 3169.



Pratt

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Pratt served in the Mass. National Guard, achieving the rank of First Lieutenant, and for three years was aide to the Commanding General.

His town service begar n 1969 as chairman of the Ver Memorial Comm :e which developed the Memorial at Cohasset Harbor opposite the Legion Post.

He was a member of the Town's Personnel Committee and the By-Law Study Commit-

tee in 1970 and is a member of the Committee to Study Central Purchasing and chairman of the Village Study Committee. He has been a member of the Planning Board since 1976 and became Chairman last year.

In other civic activities, Pratt was an Eagle Scout with Scout Troop 28 of Cohasset, is currently on the Scouts' Sustaining Membership Committee and is past vice president of the Cohasset Jaycees.

He and his wife, the former Kathleen Mulcahy, live at 482 King St., and are parents of a daughter, Megan.